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SUBJECT: NEW APPOINTMENTS, ARRESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

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1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW APPOINTMENTS (REF A) FEATURED IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA SEPTEMBER 28/29 WAS EXPECTED AND FORMALIZED SITUATION OF WHICH WE HAD BECOME AWARE SEVERAL DAYS AGO. WE HEAR FROM SOME QUARTERS THAT MG GIZAW'S ROLE IS CONCEIVED OF AS BROADER THAN EVEN NEW TITLE IMPLIES, IN THAT LG AMAN ALLEGEDLY HOPES TO USE HIM AS HIS DEPUTY AND ALTER EGO VIRTUALLY ACROSS THE BOARD.

2. WE HAVE EYEWITNESS REPORT THAT PRINCESS AIDA PUT ON IEAF DC-3 (CF REF B). SHE IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE HELD HERE IN ADDIS WITH OTHER MEMBERS ROYAL FAMILY IN WOSSEN SEGED COMPOUND.

3. WE ALSO HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT PRINCESS RUTH DESTA, WIFE OF GONDAR ADMINISTRATOR LG NEGA TELEGN, HAS BEEN REMOVED TO
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ADDIS. THAT WOULD FIT THE PATTERN.

4. FOUR MORE TRADE UNION FIGURES (NAMES STILL UNAVAILABLE), WHOSE UNITS (METEHARA SUGAR WORKS, BRICKWORKS, AGRICULTURE WORKERS) STRUCK SEPTEMBER 25, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DETAINED OVER THE WEEKEND.

5. THERE HAS BEEN SPATE OF SHORT-LIVED STONING INCIDENTS TODAY INVOLVING ROVING GROUPS OF (SECONDARY) STUDENTS. USIS LOST A COUPLE OF WINDOWS AND AN EMBASSY VEHICLE WAS ALSO HIT. THE DEMONSTRATIONS APPEARED TO BE DIRECTED AT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY, AND WE DO NOT RPT NOT THINK AMERICANS WERE BEING SINGLED OUT. THE STUDENTS WERE PROBABLY MANIFESTING THEIR DISCONTENT WITH SCHOOL REGISTRATION DECISIONS ALLEGEDLY REACHED BY THE AUTHORITIES OVER THE WEEKEND (SEPTTEL).
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